Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Conference of Bus Owners.

292. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what were the grievances that were represented in the conference of the bus owners that was held on 30th Kanni 1104 :

(2) have the Government taken any step towards redressing those grievances ; if so, what are they ; if not, why not;

(3) were there any representations by anybody to the Commissioner of Police to stop the system of engaging certain persons by bus and boat people to capture passengers to their respective buses and boats ;

(4) has the Commissioner of Police done anything towards stopping such a system ;

(5) how many bus services are there running between Ernakulam and Kottayam ;

(6) does any one of these bus services belong to a Cochinite ;

(7) which service is given preference to start first from Ernakulam after the arrival of the trains ;

(8) how long is it since that service is enjoying this preference to start first ;

(9) were there any written representations from a Cochinite bus owner to the effect that his bus should be given preference to start first; if so, what orders have been passed on them ;

(10) are there any special reasons to give preference to start first to bus services owned by Travancoreans ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) None.

(2) No answer is necessary in view of that to part (1).

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) Three.

(6) No.

(7) This depends upon the trains concerned.

(8), (9) and (10). No answer is necessary in view of the above answers.

Bus service in the State.

293. Mr. M. K. Raman.—(a) Will the Government kindly answer the following of the motor bus service in the State, how many are owned by Cochinites and how many by outsiders ;

(b) are the local enterprises given any encouragement by the Government ;

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